

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 07-01-23**

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For Work Week Commencing: January 22, 2007  
Commission Meeting: January 23, 2007, 9:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.mt.gov>.

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**9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling** (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

**9:30 a.m. Business** (Bollinger Room)

**Public Comments**

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2006.11.168 – Mountain Water – Application for changes to its main extension tariffs – Discussion, action (01/23/07)

2. D2006.12.190 – Yellowstone Pipeline Company – Application to add tender deduction – Discussion/Final Approval (01/23/07)
3. D2006.6.94 – NWE 2006 QF/AC (qualifying facility/avoided cost) – Discussion, direction, action on discovery objections and motions, other matters as necessary (01/23/07)
4. Legislative – Discuss bills relevant to PSC mission, statutory authority, administrative process and general agency concerns; consider staff analysis and recommendations; provide direction on PSC response to bills (01/23/07)
5. **1/24/07 at 8:30 a.m.** - D2005.4.49 – Mountain Water – Mountain Cost-of-Service Allocation (COSA) study filing made pursuant to PSC Order No. 6644c, this docket – Informational; make recommendation and seek direction on notice and process (01/24/07)
6. **1/22/07 at 1:30 p.m. – 1/24/07, 1/25/07, and 1/26/07 at 8:30 a.m.** – Legislative - Discuss bills relevant to PSC mission, statutory authority, administrative process and general agency concerns; consider staff analysis and recommendations; provide direction on PSC response to bills - (Commission Conference Room, except Bollinger Room on 1/24/07)

### **Other Meetings**

Weekly Scheduling – Will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Commission Meeting

**01/24/07 1:30 p.m. – Informational meeting with ColumbiaGrid Board of Directors (Bollinger Room)**

**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. Qwest Corporation N2007.1.4 (Gary)

On January 11, 2007 Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed for Commission approval a Multi-State Agreement (MSA) between Qwest and The Kroger Company (Kroger). Qwest is filing the MSA with the Commission for approval pursuant to Section 2.18 (Large Business Customers With a Multi-State Presence) of its Exchange and Network Service Tariff, and pursuant to the Commission's April 16, 2004 Notice of Commission Action (NCA) in Docket N2003.10.149. Also pursuant to the NCA, Qwest filed proprietary cost information. The MSA is the result of Qwest's response to competitive bids from multiple vendors seeking Kroger's business. The MSA is for the provisioning of business access lines and packages.

2. Hot Springs Telephone Company N2007.1.6 (Gary)

On January 12, 2006, Hot Springs Telephone Company (HSTC) filed a proposed tariff for adding a service charge for providing duplicate copies of bills. HSTC explains that a recent IRS decision provides for a credit, designed to refund previously collected federal excise taxes on long-distance or bundled services, for the time period Feb. 28, 2003 through August 1, 2006. Taxpayers may take a standard credit, or as an alternative, they may provide to the IRS the actual amount of excise tax collected on telephone bills for the above period. HSTC is anticipating a number of customers can be expected to request reprints for multiple months of bills. This will cause additional costs for HSTC. To recoup those additional costs HSTC is proposing to charge \$4.00 for each duplicate bill copy. There will be no charge for bills 6 months (or less) old, or for copies of bills needed for billing disputes.

3. Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana N2007.1.5 (Gary)

On January 11, 2006, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana d/b/a/ Frontier Communications of Montana (Frontier) filed a proposed tariff to include Touch Call service (\$1.50 per month) in the Frontier Digital Phone Service Bundle at no additional charge. Frontier is requesting a February 10, 2007 effective date.

**Protective Orders – Notice Items** The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Any person wanting a copy of a protective order request should contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

**Protective Orders – Information Items** The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be obtained by calling the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

N2007.1.4 – Qwest Corporation and The Kroger Co – Line volume advantage agreement.

N2007.1.5 – Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana – Tariff – Frontier digital phone service.

N2007.1.6 – Hot Springs Telephone Company - Tariff adding service charge for duplicate copy of bills.

N2007.1.7 – Qwest Communication Corporations – Tariff Transmittal QCC07-03 and price list No. 1.

N2007.1.8 – CenturyTel of Montana – Tariff transmittal No. 06-12.

N2007.1.9 – Ronan Telephone Company – Tariff – Service charge for duplicate copy of bills.

N2007.1.10 – Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana – Tariff – Termination on Re-origination of calls received over a data service.